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Our Intelligence Activities

WE fully agree with former President Eisenhower that neither Congress nor the people should engage in a witch hunt in connection with placing the blame for the Cuban fiasco.

However, we have a feeling that President Kennedy is acting wisely when he sets up an agency to examine the workings of this nation's vital intelligence activities.

Apparent recent stumbles by the Central Intelligence Agency would seem to justify such an examination. Besides, public confidence in the CIA has suffered something of a jolt and it is only fair to our own future to have someone take a good look at what is going on.

It's just that we want a better job done in the future. The whole business is too important for haphazardness either in formulating policy or executing decisions.

Perhaps the CIA doesn't quite realize just how dangerously it — and all of us—live.